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- On 14 December 1949 at 2:30 p.m. a west-bound jet fighter flew over the BRANDENBURG (N 53/Z 23) airfield.
- It was learned from a former BRIEST (N 53/Z 13) guard on 15 December 1949 that three jet fighters and four conventional fighters have been stationed at the BRIEST airfield since 10 December 1949. The jet fighters with a turbine and nose wheel had allegedly made training flights on two days, each flight lasting about 15 minutes. Seven AA gun emplacements were near the ROSENHOF estate not far from the airfield.
- Twenty-six fighters were parked in two rows on the southern edge of the field and four fighters on the landing field on 16 December 1949. The latter made training flights.
  - Description: Radial engine, three-bladed propeller, red propeller hub, low-wing monoplane, retractable tail wheel, antenna rod out of cockpit.
  - Jet aircraft were not seen but were possibly parked between the debris of former buildings and could not be seen. Two jet aircraft returning from the field were seen aloft.
- According to a worker, the unit occupying the field had come from the ARADO (N 50/Z 23) airfield. Two of the three large fuel tanks on the southern edge were dug in.

## Comment:

- According to previous reports, the BRANDENBURG-BRIEST airfield was unoccupied up to 22 November 1949. The fighter unit apparently equipped with LA-9s seems to have arrived at the field in early December 1949 (exact date unknown). The air unit, presumably a fighter regiment, was apparently previously stationed in BRANDENBURG-ARADO.
- It was reported for the first time that this unit is also equipped with jet aircraft. The type of the jet planes has not been determined. From various observations it is assumed that the fighter regiment is assigned to the I Gds Ftr Corps.

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